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SUBJECT: PERU'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CRISIS

1. PERU APPEARS INCREASINGLY IN DANGER OF HAVING EITHER TO DEFAULT ON MUCH OF ITS DEBT FALLING DUE THIS YEAR, OR TO SEEK RESCHEDULING FROM PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CREDITORS. WE ARE FOLLOWING ITS DEVELOPING FINANCIAL CRISIS CAREFULLY, AND ARE INVESTIGATING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PERU, AND THE U.S. IN DEALING WITH THE CRISIS. WE BELIEVE THAT JAPAN IS PERU'S LARGEST OFFICIAL CREDITOR: WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE U.S.-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON LATIN AMERICA, AND JAPANESE AGREEMENT WITH AMBASSADOR TODMAN TO CONSULT CONFIDENTIAL

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ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, WE SEEK KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THE JAPANESE VIEW THE CURRENT CRISIS IN PERU.

2. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER JAPAN IS CONTEMPLATING OR NOW PROVIDING ANY BILATERAL RELIEF TO PERU IN THE FORM OF ROLLOVERS ON OFFICIAL DEBT, AND/OR PRESSURE ON JAPANESE BANKS TO RESCHEDULE OR PROVIDE NEW

MONEY. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN WHAT THE JAPANESE RESPONSE WOULD BE SHOULD PERU REQUEST A PARIS CLUB-TYPE RESCHEDULING.

3. FOR LIMA: AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MIGHT MAKE SAME APPROACH TO JAPANESE EMBASSY. VANCE

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